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SUBJECT: STRIKE PROTESTING U.S. FORCES RIF ACTION PRODUCES
MINOR VIOLENCE

REF: NAHA 413

1. MILITARY WORKERS UNION (ZENGUNRO) STRIKE AGAINST POST
EXCHANGE RIF ACTION DEVELOPED AS ANTICIPATED OCT 3 (REFTEL). SOME
1,200 DEMONSTRATORS, INCLUDING 60 STUDENT ACTIVISTS, MASSED AT
GATES TO KADENA AIR BASE AT ABOUT 0600 LOCAL. LARGEST CONCENTRATION
AT MAIN KADENA GATE SURGED OVER BASE LIMITS TWICE AND WERE CON-
FRONTED BY JAPANESE RIOT POLICE. ONE POLICEMAN RECEIVED HEAD
INJURY REQUIRING NINE STITCHES, BUT VIOLENT ASPECTS OF STRIKE WERE
GENERALLY RESTRAINED. THERE WAS NO PHYSICAL CONTACT BETWEEN U.S.
FORCES AND DEMONSTRATORS.

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2. AT ABOUT NOON, DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED FROM KADENA TOWARD
OKINAWA REGIONAL EXCHANGE (ORE) HEADQUARTERS AT CAMP KUE. RIOT
POLICE STOPPED THEM SHORT OF ORE HDQTRS AND DEMONSTRATORS SAT DOWN.
AS OF 1600 LOCAL THEY WERE SURROUNDED BY 400 RIOT POLICEMEN. U.S.
ARMY SOURCES EXPECT THEY WILL EVENTUALLY DISPERSE PEACEFULLY.

3. ONE OF THE TWO LEFTIST OKINAWA NEWSPAPERS IGNORED STRIKE
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WHILE THE OTHER GAVE IT FULL COVERAGE. PAPER CLAIMED DEMONSTRATORS

NUMBERED 4,00 AND THAT STUDENT WHO INJURED POLICEMAN WAS ARRESTED.

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